

Project Report

March 2004

WIS 29

Elk Mound to Chippewa Falls

Construction update meeting

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has scheduled a public information meeting for citizens interested in this year's WIS 29 construction projects. Exhibits will include projects from Chippewa County M to Seymour Cray Sr. Boulevard east of Chippewa Falls.

Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2004

Time: 5 to 7 p.m. with a presentation at 6 p.m.

Place: Village of Lake Hallie - Village Hall
13141 County Highway OO
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

2004 construction—Closing the gap

WIS 29 construction will resume in spring 2004 with continuation of one of its most visible projects, the Hallie Interchange. Interchange construction will continue to affect motorists on WIS 124 and US 53. Motorists are encouraged to use alternate routes and be alert to changing traffic conditions. Slower traffic and some delays are likely.

New structures will be completed over WIS 124 and the Union Pacific Railroad this year. These projects will require intermittent lane closures on WIS 124 near Chippewa County OO. Occasional nighttime road closures will be required with traffic detoured onto old Chippewa County J. Closures will not be allowed on weekends or holidays.

Other WIS 29 construction in 2004 includes:

- Preparations for paving new WIS 29 from 40th Street to 103rd Street in the town of Wheaton.
- Preparations for paving new WIS 29 from 103rd Street to Seymour Cray Sr. Boulevard.
- Pavement replacement on WIS 29 from Seymour Cray Sr. Boulevard to Chippewa County J.

Lane closures may be in place periodically this year to construct crossovers that will be used in 2005. The entire segment of WIS 29 is scheduled for opening in fall 2005.

Additional information can be found on the project's Web site at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d6/wis29/index.htm.

Project milestones

1989 – Corridor Study began
1997 – Environmental Impact Statement approved
2000 – Construction began
2005 – Construction scheduled to end

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Use of US 53/Chippewa County OO Interchange continues in 2004

Northbound US 53 traffic will continue using the US 53/Chippewa County OO interchange at Hallie during the 2004 construction season.

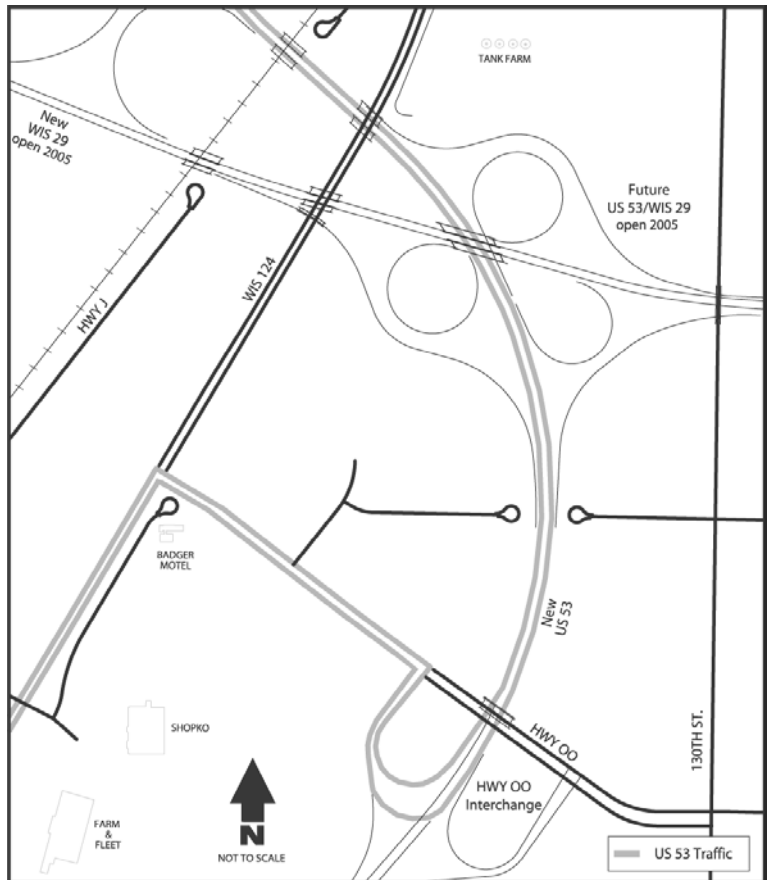
This temporary connection will continue to operate until the new US 53 freeway opens from the North Crossing to the new WIS 29 in 2005.

Traffic delays of 15 minutes or more are expected during peak travel hours, particularly on Fridays and Sundays as tourists travel through the area. These delays can be minimized if local commuters use alternative routes to avoid construction zones.

Alternate routes to consider when traveling from the west side of Eau Claire to US 53 or Chippewa Falls include Chippewa County T and F. Alternate routes from the east side include County Q, P and K.

Alternate routes will be discussed further at the construction update meeting and maps will be available.

US 53/Chippewa County OO Interchange



WIS 29 IMPROVEMENTS, ELK MOUND TO CHIPPEWA FALLS, 2004 CONSTRUCTION LOCATIONS

